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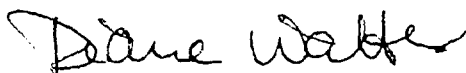
RE: Microsoft Settlement

We urge the Department of Justice to withdraw its consent to the revised proposed Final Judgment. The agreement, as it now stands, will allow Microsoft to extend its monopoly to most if not all aspects of computing. The new settlement allows firms better access to APIs necessary to work with Windows, which only reinforces the Windows monopoly.

We ask that you 1) restrict Microsoft's practice of forcing Internet Explorer in contractual tying, 2) restrict their practice of giving favorable Windows pricing deals to OEMs, 3) require Microsoft to allow users to remove icons from Windows desktops, 4) restrict Microsoft's bundling of middleware to force its monopoly, 5) re-insert the source code licensing provision of the 2000 DOJ settlement, and 6) allow OEMs to modify Windows to add features.

As you are aware, it is small business that is the fire of the US economy. By allowing Microsoft to extend its monopoly as your proposed agreement will do, you are in essence allowing them to continue chasing small companies out of business. Microsoft tolerates NO competition -- no matter how small. Please, please take this shark out of the waters of our economy.

Sincerely,



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